

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

SB 2025 – HB 2311

February 8, 2022

SUMMARY OF BILL: Creates an offense for a person or entity to intentionally require that another person receive a COVID-19 vaccination, or provide proof of COVID-19 vaccination, as a condition of employment or to enter a building, facility, or property that is generally open to the public. Creates an exception for entry into a hospital or other facility used for the treatment of high-risk individuals.

FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- Pursuant to the proposed legislation, a first violation is a Class C misdemeanor; a second violation is a Class B misdemeanor; and a third violation is a Class A misdemeanor.
- There will not be a sufficient number of Class A, B or C misdemeanor prosecutions for state or local government to experience any significant increase in revenue or expenditures.
- Any additional workload on the courts, as a result of this legislation, can be accommodated within existing resources and personnel.
- Currently, federal law mandates critical healthcare workers at facilities receiving funds from Medicaid and Medicare to receive the COVID-19 vaccine. Federal law provides for a medical or religious belief exemption to the mandate. It is assumed any employer of critical healthcare workers is following federal mandate guidelines and will not be in jeopardy of losing federal funds by complying with the proposed legislation.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Krista Lee Carsner".

Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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